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Honorable Melvin R. Laird
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is our understanding that Section 505 of the Defense Authorization Act of 1971 (P. L. 92-156) and Section 655 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1971, which established expenditure ceilings for United States activities in Laos and Cambodia, respectively, have been the subjects of extensive study in the Department of Defense.

We are particularly interested in the administration of these laws and in their effect upon United States programs in Laos and Cambodia. In the above connection, we would like to have available, prior to the mark up of the Southeast Asia portion of the FY 1973 Defense Procurement Bill by the Armed Services Committee, detailed information regarding the procedures instituted by the Defense Department to ensure compliance with these two ceilings; and would appreciate as soon as possible the following items:

1. Copies of all interpretations and determinations, both formal and informal, made by the Office of the General Counsel, relating to the expenditure ceilings for Laos and Cambodia. DOD

2. Copies of current guidelines and instructions relating to the application of these laws and the preparation of the reports required by them. These should include all guidelines and instructions directed to or originated by the General Counsel's Office, the Office of the Controller, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, the Directorate of Defense Security Assistance, CINCPAC, MACVHAI, Deputy Chief, MACVHAI, the Requirements Office, Vientiane, and the Military Equipment Delivery Team, Cambodia, and any service commands, procurement or logistics authorities.

3. A detailed accounting of all goods, supplies, materials, equipment, services, personnel or advisors provided to, for, or on behalf of Laos and Cambodia during FY 1972 by gift, donation, loan, lease, transfer or otherwise.

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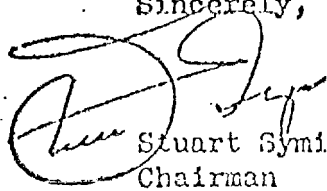
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(1) An accounting of all goods, supplies, materials, equipment, services, personnel, or advisors now in the process of procurement, contracting and which are intended for the ultimate use of the Royal Laos Government, its regular or irregular forces or any of its "local forces" and for the Government of Cambodia.

In your responses to the foregoing questions kindly include both classified and unclassified information.

If necessary, and in order to avoid undue delay, we would appreciate your supplying individual answers to the above questions rather than delaying your reply until all information is available.

Sincerely,



Stuart Symington
Chairman

Subcommittee on United States Security
Agreements and Commitments Abroad

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